

DARROW ON THE DRINK QUESTION

Chicago Lawyer Says Billy Sunday Causes More Insanity Than Saloons.

SPEAKS AT THE ILLINOIS

Delivers Opening Speech in Local Option Campaign of Anti-Prohibition League.

Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago attorney, fired the first shot last evening, in an oratorical way, in defense of the saloon for the Anti-Prohibition league in this city at the Illinois theatre. Bluer's brass band escorted Mr. Darrow from the New Harper to the theatre.

B. D. Connelly, who introduced Mr. Darrow, said that it was the right and privilege of every citizen to vote as he chooses and that it is the duty of every citizen to become informed upon the question upon which he shall vote. Mr. Darrow spoke two years ago in this city. He said that this was old ground and that some of his remarks would be much the same as those made upon his previous visit here. He said in part: "I am here to discuss the question of prohibition. I have great respect for the prohibitionist. He has a cranky idea, but he is high minded, he is earnest, he is honest, but a bit fanatical. A person nowadays has to be fanatical if honest. Honesty is a sign of fanaticism. These people are trying to benefit the human race and they are not working for a selfish motive. But the good people accomplish evil as well as the bad people, but it will take something besides goodness to help the cause. One must have knowledge and many other things, or else evil may be worked. The narrow-minded fanatic, although he may be the best person on earth, is dangerous."

Believes in Individual Local Option. "It is good for a person to mind his own business and let the people work out their own salvation. The world would be infinitely better if it were each for one's self instead of each one for every one else. I believe in local option, but only one kind, and that is individual local option. I will not discuss the question of taxes. The subject is too narrow for honest discussion. If drinking beer and wine were criminal, I should be ashamed to make money. This town would not be bankrupt without saloons. If a town can not live without saloons, let it go hang. If we can not find anything but revenue to talk about, I am not interested. The figures which the prohibitionist is using in support of his idea are all moonshine. If a person is handy with figures he can prove anything. Such cases as Decatur and Rockford are cited as examples by the prohibitionist. They show that the bank deposits have increased this year. I could prove to them that they

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FIGHT ON DENEEN

Senator Lorimer Preparing to Defeat the Governor at Primaries.

MAY HAVE CULLOM'S HELP

Said That State Executive Has Taken an Untenable Position on Deep Waterway.

Washington, March 31.—Can a senatorial combination be formed by Mr. Lorimer which will cause Governor Deneen any inconvenience? This question is being discussed by members of the Illinois congressional delegation familiar with the intention of Mr. Lorimer to precipitate the deep waterway question as an issue for a contest with the governor for popular favor.

It would appear from developments that Mr. Lorimer is confident of the support of his colleague. On the other hand, Senator Cullom is not discussing the situation, nor indicating any determined course of procedure. From what can be learned of Mr. Lorimer's purposes he will charge Governor Deneen with responsibility for the adjournment of the legislature without the appointment of a committee to meet a federal board of engineers to arrange a plan of cooperation.

Fight on Power Project. Mr. Lorimer will base his campaign upon the ground that the waterway should be jointly constructed for purposes of navigation, and it is stated that he is getting ready to charge that the governor has not only made the grievous error of causing irritating and expensive delay while the government board is awaiting the meeting of the legislature to appoint a state board, but that he occupies an untenable position in restricting his support of the waterway to its utilization for power purposes.

Choosing Bill of Fare. "If a person is free to sell a horse or farm or buy a thing, why isn't he free to buy a drink? Do I have to call a town meeting to choose my bill of fare and let them say what I shall drink? They would take away these privileges. The privileges of eating, drinking and sleeping are natural instincts. They are all we have to live for and without these liberties it is death.

"It is up to the prohibitionist to prove why drinking can be classed as criminal. I prove my right to drink by my existence and the fact that I am free. It is our privilege to choose our life for ourselves and to choose our own destiny, no matter what our neighbors may be.

"They say that it is a crime to drink beer; that it fills our jails, makes crime, poverty, death, widows, orphans, disease. Is it true? Does its use cause any considerable part of crime? Many believe so, but know not why. There is no evidence to prove it. Getting drunk is not a crime. It is an error of judgment. A man who gets drunk thought that he could hold more. If we arrested everyone who eats too much, one-half of our best citizens would spend every night in jail. The prohibitionist makes his own bill of fare and says it is a crime to differ.

"They say that it causes crime. With few exceptions, all criminals belong to one class—the poor. Therefore, the poor drink all of the whisky. The only time a rich man goes to jail is when he is not rich enough. It is like everything else: it is produced by the poor and taken by the rich.

Steep-Hilled Jails. "The question of crime is one of the greatest of civilization. We find that more go to jail in bad than good times. They go because the jails are steam-heated and have electric lights. More go to jail in winter than in summer. When the cost of living is high, they go to jail. More get religion in winter than in summer. They listen to it because there is a coal burner in the room. Men commit crime in time of need, and they do not commit crime when they can find an easier way to obtain a living. Once in a great while whisky causes murder, but statistics prove that there is not more than one case for a hundred years. You will find that marriage has caused more murders than any other thing. Still the prohibitionist does not wish to abolish this.

"Prohibition is only for the poor. If

ELKINS FAILED TO EXPLAIN JOKER IN TAFT RAIL BILL

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which absolutely nullifies the present law so far as it relates to the restriction against the acquisition by one railroad of a competing railroad, I think the senator ought to give us the reason for it.

Forced to Explain.

"Under the present law a combination between two competing railroad companies, the effect of which is to stifle competition, is illegal. There is no question about that, I presume, under the decision of the court in the Northern Securities case. This bill, in this section, directly says that any railroad company—there is no limitation upon it—if it has acquired up to this time or shall acquire between now and the date of the passage of the bill 50 per cent of the stock of another railroad company, even though it be a competing railroad company, may go forward and acquire the balance of the stock."

"This provision," said Senator Elkins, "was put in to allow any railroad company owning 50 per cent of another railroad company to purchase the remaining 50 per cent. It is for

the protection of the minority owning the other 50 per cent. Where would the minority be otherwise? I stated this before."

Bacon Persists. "But," protested Senator Bacon, "if a railroad company has acquired 50 per cent, or 51 per cent rather, of the stock of a competing line in such a way as to stifle competition, it is in violation of the present law, and the trade would be annulled and the union could be severed by the courts. But if this proposed law is passed with this provision in it, the only limitation put upon the power of a railroad company, any railroad company in the United States, to acquire the possession and control of every other competing railroad would be that it must acquire 50 per cent before the date of the passage of this act. It legalizes the 50 per cent already bought and authorizes them to go forward and purchase the balance. When this act is passed, if in the meantime the railroad company has secured 50 per cent of the stock, the Sherman law would be nullified and the Northern Securities decision absolutely set aside."

M'NEALY IS AT HEAD ELECTRIC CONCERN

New Enterprise Launched by Member of City Council—To Be Located on Twentieth Street.

The Illinois Electric company is the name of a new local enterprise that is to be quartered at 308 Twentieth street, opening for business the coming week. Alderman Martin McNealy is to be the chief stockholder and manager of the company, which is to carry on a general electrical contracting business. Mr. McNealy is recognized as one of the leading electricians in the tri-city. For years he was a foreman for the telephone companies, and since retiring from that employment a year ago has been doing private contract work. He has been so successful at this that he decided to branch out and establish a company. Mr. McNealy, aside from being a first-class mechanic, has a wide acquaintance among the business people of the community, and doubtless his enterprise will be a go from the start.

Vote Sanitarium Ballot

Within the last few years important advances have been made both in the methods of detecting consumption and its treatment. If people will have their condition discovered early and then live right, they will all get well. It is unfair to the healthy people of the city, as well as the consumptive himself, that a diagnosis be delayed until there is no longer any hope of a cure. With an early recognition of the disease such as modern science has made possible, and the proper treatment in a tent colony, many lives can be saved yearly in Rock Island. Vote the little ballot "Yes" next Tuesday, allowing the tax to build a public tuberculosis sanitarium.

STRICKEN WHILE DRIVING

New Windsor Young Man Meets Unusual Death at Alpha.

Oscar Kalin, bookkeeper for the Christie Lumber company at New Windsor, Mercer county, died suddenly of heart failure Sunday night at Alpha. He had gone buggy riding with a New Windsor young lady and was at Alpha when seized with the fatal attack.

WETS LOSE IN BAY STATE

Legislature Practically Passes Bill Curbing Bottle Goods Sales.

Boston, March 31.—The temperance advocates in Massachusetts won a decisive victory in the legislature yesterday when the lower branch passed to third reading of the bill which prohibits the selling of bottle goods of an intoxicating nature by holders of licenses which permit them to sell liquor to be drunk on the premises. The bill already has passed the senate.

Home-Made Tonic for Spring Disorders

"Madeline" in Woman's Journal. I receive so many letters every spring from persons who complain of a tired feeling on arising every morning—of a sort of "all gone," "don't care" condition—that I am forced to believe that everybody needs a tonic in the spring to purify the blood, tone up the stomach and liver and restore the human body to proper condition after the inactivity of winter.

Spring usually finds the organs and blood clogged with impurities. The feeling of languor and dullness, lack of ambition and energy, poor appetite, sallow complexion, liver blotches, pimples and other skin eruptions—all these are symptoms of impure blood, deranged digestion or torpid liver.

You can make a full quart of good tonic at home at a small cost that will put your system in perfect condition and rid you of "spring fever" in all its phases. Get from your druggist one ounce of karsene, mix it with one-half cup sugar and add one-half pint of alcohol and one and one-half pints of hot water. Take one tablespoonful five minutes before retiring.

Karsene purifies the blood, restores the liver, clears the skin, restores lost appetite and strengthens and builds up the entire system. There is no other blood medicine as good. If your druggist is out of karsene ask him to get it for you.

EXPERT IN CRIME

Eddie Fay, Arrested for Post-office Robbery, Wanted at Peoria.

STOLE SCHOOL SCRIP THERE

Found in Possession of Most Elaborate Set of Burglar's Tools Police Have Ever Taken.

Eddie Fay, bank robber and jail-breaker who has eluded police officials, sheriffs, secret service men and private detectives for years, who is held in New York city charged with the theft of \$85,000 from the postoffice at Richmond, Va., has gained a world-wide reputation as a crackman and postoffice robber. He is believed to have been implicated in the robbery of the Chicago postoffice in 1901, when \$74,000 in cash and stamps was stolen from the temporary quarters on Michigan avenue. Fay was watched by postoffice inspectors, following the robbery, for months.

In 1902, after the robbery of the postoffice at Superior, Wis., he was arrested charged with the theft. While awaiting trial he escaped from the jailhouse in Chicago. Later he was arrested in Chicago and fought extradition for two weeks.

Caught With Goods On. Fay was caught in New York "with the goods on him," according to advices from the east. Four trunks and a satchel belonging to Fay and another man arrested with him were found to contain about \$56,000 worth of stamps stolen from the Richmond postoffice. In one of the trunks was what detectives say is the most elaborate and highly-finished set of burglar tools they have ever seen. Each tool was in a separate case of Russia leather. With them were a set of lockpicks, some of which were 18 inches long, and six sets of skeleton keys. More interesting yet was a manuscript showing that the compiler had in mind a wholesale raid on southern and western banks. The identification of Fay is said to be positive. The other prisoner gives his name as Frank Chester.

As Dougherty Aid. Fay is the man alleged to have blown the safe in the Peoria public library in January, 1907, in the interest of Newton C. Dougherty, former public school superintendent, later convicted of embezzling the school funds and who now is serving a term in Joliet prison. Fay is supposed to have stolen all but a few pieces of the Dougherty scrip. Fay, according to the police, is worth from \$300,000 to \$400,000 and owns a string of race horses. More than \$17,000 in rewards for Fay's capture has been offered by the government and banks since he became a fugitive from justice in August, 1904. He has escaped from prison four times and always with the aid of confederates on the outside. He never has failed to shoot when necessary.

FARM ANIMALS HAVE DONE WELL DURING THE WINTER

Crop Correspondent Also Finds Winter Wheat and Rye in Practically Normal Condition.

Crop Correspondent Thomas Campbell reports farm animals in good condition after the hard winter in his report sent to the department of agriculture for the first of April. Horses he estimates at 100 per cent, cattle at 90, sheep at 95 and swine at 95. He places the number of breeding sows as compared with last year at 95 per cent. An average of 10 in each 1,000 horses and 30 in 1,000 swine are estimated to have died in the last year. Winter wheat and rye is placed at 95 per cent of normal in condition. Average farm prices are given as follows: Corn, 56 cents; wheat, \$1; oats, 45 cents; barley, 70 cents; rye, 70 cents; potatoes, 60 cents; hay, \$16.50 per ton; butter, 28 cents per pound; eggs, 17 cents per dozen; chickens, 12½ cents per pound.

HOPKINS' NIECE SUICIDE

Former Senator's Kin Found at the Bottom of a Cistern.

Aurora, Ill., March 31.—Melancholia caused Miss Ella Bessie Hopkins, niece of former United States Senator Hopkins, to commit suicide at the latter's home at an early hour yesterday by drowning herself in a cistern. Her body was found later by the colored butler at the bottom of the cistern.

When Miss Hopkins' sister missed her from the room about 6 o'clock a search was begun. The top of the cistern was found open, and an investigation resulted in finding the body at the bottom. Coroner Norton summoned a jury, which returned a verdict of death from drowning with suicidal intent. Miss Hopkins had been an invalid for years and had been under treatment in a private sanitarium.

Fruit Trees in Bloom. Here and there a plum, cherry or peach tree is in bloom, while in the suburbs women with knives and market baskets are hunting greens. How's this for March?

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POPLINS—Fancy poplin, self-colored stripes, black and white, tan, blue, pink, brown, the new spring line, a popular 25c cloth, bargain Friday sale price 15c

MERRICK'S POOL COTTON—Six cord, bargain Friday sale price, three spools for 10c

All remnants of dress goods, percales, calicoes, muslin, oil cloth, one-half price, bargain Friday.

THIMBLES—Pure aluminum, or genuine celluloid thimble, a regular 5c thimble, Friday bargain 2c

CROCKERY DEPARTMENT—Six cups, six saucers, plain white St. Dennis style, quality guaranteed sale price per set 29c

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Boulevard to Join Two States. Denver, Colo., March 31.—Word has been received in Denver that work has commenced in Kansas on the cross country boulevard which will extend through Kansas and Colorado to Pueblo. The work is being done under the direction of the Central Kansas-Colorado Boulevard association. All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.